By Frederic J. Haskin.

For nearly fifteen years every tourist, demanded. Consequently, the heads of foreigner and other stranger visiting the different departments and the as-America's capital has paid an early visit to the Library of Congress, generally con-

Every American is proud of the Library of Congress because it is so distinctly a refutation of the theory that all beauty Congressional Library, from its fountain | more widely copied. at the base, including mammoth figures of Neptune and his attendants, to the golden torch which tops the dome, is distinctly an American building, lesigned and executed by American architects and

The building was begun in 1886 and completed in 1897. It cost \$6,347,000 and stands in the center of a plot of ground granite and the interior mostly of marble, opies nearly four acres lighted wholly by ess of forced draft.

There is no other library in the world in which there is such a fund of information on such a variety of subjects so easily available to students. of Everybody. There is absolutely no distinction to class or race at this library. Any adult desiring information on any subject may seek for it here, and the painstaking care of the attendants to aid ing. Students of all nationalities and from every part of the country study in the great main reading room. A young Filipino familiarizing himself with American literature may sit next to a busy member of Congress who prefers to come to the library for the books which he needs rather than wait for them to be nese official in his embroidered silken

the genealog cal record of her family. Any person may come to the reading om and use the library. If he doesn't know how to proceed, the attendants will assist him. He soon learns the use of he desires on the little slip of paper provided, and sits down to a desk to wait for the book to be brought to him. Although there are forty-four miles of

robes sat reading Roosevelt's "American

s privileged to enter a complaint if he is kept waiting longer than fifteen minutes for any book he may demand. Usually the time elapsing between filing the application and getting the book is not more

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possible by the use of pneumatic tubes and mechanical book Rapid System carriers, but its chief of Delivery. corner stone is the reof the building itself and the wisdom with which its facilities have been employed. The main collections of the library are supplemented by those of several separate departments, including maps, music, prints, law and manuscripts. The library proper is strongest in bibliography, public documents, especially those of foreign governments; American, economics, public law, genealogy, political science and newspapers. Through the Smithsonian actions of the foreign learned societies

most complete collection of the product of the American press in existence. Among the foreign collections is the Yudin collection of about 80,000 volumes of Russian works, purchased in 1907, which is particularly valuable for the study of Russia and Siberia. A collection 1907, and in 1908 the Huitfeldt-Kass collection of Scandinavian literature, numbering more than 5,000 volumes. The orient is further represented by the Weber library of Sanscrit literature, including 3,018 volumes and 1,002 pamphlets. Additions to all of these collections are being made rapidly.

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ing the deposit of two copies of every

copyrighted book, gives to this library the

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Force Organized further divided into Into Divisions. sections. The catalogue division includes ninety-one persons and deals with printed books and pamphlets only. It includes the work of classification, shelf listing, labeling, the preparation of copy for catalogue cards appeal the last of its kind in China. The for the printer, proofreading and filing many influential men are already pledged cards in the various catalogues. Besides cataloguing and classifying the current accessions, which amount to more than 100,000 volumes annually, this division has been engaged since 1899 in reclassifying and recataloguing the entire harvest in the middle of May. It is imlibrary. The greater part of the reclass- perative that money begin to come in beis now complete and new cata-

all the large libraries of America. The cards printed for this catalogue have been available to all the libraries of the country at the cost of printing, and relieving them of a very considerable ex-pense. The main catalogue of books and up in the name of the city. It will save e form of printed cards life arranged in the dictionary order, i. e., author, title and subject entries in one alphabet. The rules followed are those of the American and British library associations. Besides these there are special catalogues in book form for many of the special collections, such as prints and manuscripts.

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The catalogue division, through its card distribution section, handles the accumu-Sets of Cards

Sent to Libraries. sale. The stock now numbers more than 30,000,000 cards, which are stored by serial numbers in steel cases. Complete sets of one copy of each card published are on deposit in the principal library centers of the country, enabling inquirers in those places to ascertain whether a book is in the Library of Congress. These cards are sold under the law governing the sale of public documents-at the actual cost of manufacture plus 1 per cent-the maximum price being 2 cents per card and one-half cent for each additional copy. More than 1,300 libraries and individuals purchased cards regu-

larly in 1910.

The Library of Congress acts as the real center of the library progress of the country in other ways than the issuance of these cards, helpful though they are. A very important part is played in the training it gives to library experts. The assistants in the Library of Congress are usually men and women of the broadest education and culture, but, unfortunately, the salaries paid in this great institution are low in proportion to the ability tion are low in proportion to the ability

sistants are frequently called to take charge of libraries in the country at larger income. The experience and trainceded to be the most beautiful library ing they have gained in the great national library thus stands in good stead, and in this way becomes of benefit to the whole nation. The method of work of the Library of Congress is generally conceded to be the best all-around system and art must come from abroad. The in the world, and each year it is being

> Next to the main reading room, the Next to the main reading room, the periodical room receives most public attention. This dimany Periodicals vision handles all the periodicals received, and prepares the completed volumes for binding.

worth \$585,000. The exterior is of gray The total number received annually exelaborately decorated with sculpture and newspapers are currently received, including 275 foreign papers. Of this num-7 500,00 cubic feet of ber 375 are bound and shelved. Half of the space in the new stackroom in the southeast court is fitted up with shelving designed especially for the American newspapers. The file of American newslection of the newspapers of the eighteenth century is the largest in America. visiting the periodical room, where they papers of their home sections.

research work of any kind is never fail- Famine Relief Committee Asks for Contributions.

mittee in Shanghai has appealed to the Washington Chamber of Commerce for sent to his office. One day a stately Chi- aid in raising funds in the United States to help the famine sufferers in the em-Citizenship," while next to him an old pire. A letter received by Secretary Grant ady was busily engaged in deciphering of the chamber today is in part as fol-

"We are asking 300 American cities to take part in a great demonstration of

ple are in dire need of help most of them in the same district where the famine in the same district where the famine raged last year. The Chinese are in the book shelves in the building, and approxi-mately two million volumes, the reader is privileged to enter a complement if he is indeed, one great reason for the revolution is the recurrence of the famine conditions. Throughout a large portion of becoming beggars, families are being broken up by the sale of wives and daughters, often into lives of vice, and the people are lapsing into apathy and moral chaos.

Appeal Made to Cities.

and thus not only help to avert a great calamity, but make the alleviation of suffering the opportunity of strengthening the opportunity of strengthening the between China and the

"The time is opportune. America has interested friend. The return of a large part of the Boxer indemnity made a deep impression. The insistance of the revo hutionary party upon a republic shows how great is the influence of the United States. All these are beginnings, and with the opening of the Panama canal will make China a neighbor in a new demonstration of friendliness. sense. A demonstration of friendliness on a national scale will in this hour of need arouse great enthusiasm among the

"The funds will be used to avert starvato such a policy.

At Worst This Month.

ruary and March, and will continue until fore the end of February if great loss of life is to be avoided. We confidently The recataloguing of the Library of hope that you will take prompt measures Congress has been a most important mat- to bring this before the citizens of Washaffecting to a greater or less extent ington and secure a large fund. We beg to suggest that a publicity campaign be carried on and contributions received by a committee of the Chamber of Comhave assisted them to a large degree in merce, or that the Chamber of Commerce the preparation of their own catalogues, appoint a committee of citizens for this

are advised that the easiest way in which to send their money to the committee is pay it into their local banks with instructions to transmit it to the International Banking Corporation in New York or San Francisco, which will cable to its Shanghai branch to pay the money to the treasurer of the relief fund. Contribuntions may be sent also to any foreign mission board or to the Red Cross Society in this city.

PAW-PAW PILLS.



pares the completed volumes for binding. ceeds 13,000 volumes. More than 1,000 papers is very extensive, while the col-The periodical reading room has seats for 250 persons, and 400 newspapers and 3 500 magazines are kept in the room. Strangers in Washington are constantly have access at all times to the news-

ity. Two and a half millions of her peo-

"In previous famines people all over the country have given as individuals, fund to be sent on as fast as it comes in, and on May 10 cable a statement of the total sent to date, with a message of good will in the name of the city. We shall transmit these messages to the Chinese press and publish them in a booklet to be the national and provincial assemblies, and thus not only help to avert a great

men of the new China, and the effect on trade and political relations and on the progress of civilization and Christianity

tion and at the same time to start China upon a policy of conservation. It is not enough today to pour rice in the rathole of famine. It is planned to give relief only in return for labor on canals and visions, each of which has a chief and dykes except in case of those unable to largest of these are engineers will co-operate in making all such work of permanent value in pre-venting future floods. The famine com-mittee believes that the new government will adopt a program of conservation and, until this can be carried to completion, shoulder the responsibility of relieving famine conditions, thus making

> The chairman of the executive committee of the relief committee is Rt. Rev. F. R. Graves, and the vice chairman is mittee of the relief committee is Rt. Rev. Dr. Wu Ting-fang. The letter to the chamber was signed by Rev. E. C. Lo-Subscribers are urged to send their contributions before May 1. The treasurer of the relief fund is H. C. Gulland, manager of the International Banking Corporation in Shanghai. Subscribers are advised that the easiest way in which

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Another Red Letter Day in Tomorrow's \$100,000 Trade Sale. The closing hours of the Trade Sale are to be marked by still greater price concessions to stimulate a final and immediate clearance of all surplus stocks from the 49 big concerns contributing to this event. There's everything everybody wants at 1/3 to 1/2 under usual prices.

American Clothes Company's Surplus Stocks of

Overcoats and Suits 1/3 to

Misses' Smart \$20 \$14.50
Tailored Suits at... \$14.50

Charming styles, built on the newest lines and will make a splendid suit for early spring. They're in plain or diagonal serge in light and dark colors, semi-fitting, singlebreasted with mannish notch collar, mannish sleeves, with neatly stitched cuffs; satin \$ lined; skirts in newest and most popular

School or Tub Dresses for Girls,



\$1.50 Values Are

gains and worth traveling far to take advantage of. They are made of best quality percales, imported rep and madras, in dozens of cunning styles. Nicely tailored with full side-plaited skirts, high and Dutch necks; all shades; sizes 6 to 14 years. Two are shown.

> Children's 98c White Guimpes,

Children's Pretty White Guimpes, neatly trimmed with insertion embroidery. You'll quickly see what a real bargain this is as soon as you see this garment.

Men's Flowing

Children's 25c Gingham Aprons, 18c

Very dainty, with all-

Neat, serviceable pat-terns; well made and de-INFANTS' SHORT WHITE DRESSES. 18c

End Silk

Four-in-Hand

Ties,

17c

The newest, snappiest

and prettiest spring col-

ors and patterns. We

give you men a chance

to buy the 50c grades at

\$1.00 Black

Petticoats, 49c

An exceptional lot of Elegant \$1

Black Moire and Colored Heather-

bloom Petticoats; all sizes; perfect

in hang and fit. A very large assort-

ment to select from. \$1 value, 49c.

HE most wonderful Clothing bargains await you men here tomorrow. Come in and examine the Overcoats and Suits in this great sale. You'll find swagger styles for young men and more conservative styles for older men, and there's a wide choice of fabrics, including worsteds, cheviots and cassimeres. All tailored by master tailors in the latest correct fashion. Overcoats are belted back, also plain; roomy and comfortable; convertible and plain collars.

\$17.50 Overcoats are now...... \$9.45 \$22.50 Overcoats are now...... \$30.00 Overcoats are now

New Vests in the Trade Sale.

\$3.00 Values Mostly,

Nobby Silk and Flannel Vests, all pleasing, most of them beauties; they are going fast, so you must hurry, too, if you would be nicely "vested."

\$18.45 Men's Suits worth \$10.00, now. \$5.00

Men's Suits worth \$17.50, now.. \$8.45 Men's Suits

worth \$30.00, now \$12.45 **Tuxedo Suits** worth \$25, now...\$19.75

sizes 14 to 17. Tomorrow, 47c.

Young Men's

15 to 20 Years.

Suits.

Well made, finely tailored, perfect in fit and finish; all desirable fabrics that will give service.

\$10 Suits \$3.75 \$15 Suits \$8.75 \$25 Suits \$13.75

Spring Model Suits.

latest fabrics. They are so made that you can wear them now as well as later. Made of extra fine quality serge, in black, navy, brown and gray; single and double breasted coats, with straight fashionable backs. All have the mannish close-fitting notch collars and long revers; some satin faced, others plain; coats are made in the prescribed length and lined with best quality guaranteed satin, finished with shields and the new inside pocket; new, up-to-date skirts, with high waist line effect,

White Serge Suits, New Spring Models,

in very fine quality white serge, talfored along the most fashionable lines; coats are cut a la mode, in accordance with Dame Fashion's ideas; new straight back; medium width skirts, high or normal waist lines; lined with guaranteed satin or single-breasted styles. Regular \$25 value, tomor-

\$10 Guaran= teed Slip-on Raincoats,

\$7.95 and mannish; shades of tan, navy and black; regular \$10 values for

\$2.98 gains of the season. Separate Skirts of cream and fine mohairs; a splendid lot of models; no two alike; form fitting, and perfect in every detail; all sizes.

\$6.50 and \$10

Skirts,



Peavy & Co.'s Surplus Stocks of

Makes no difference how rough and tumble our boy may be, we have the clothes for him

that will outwear his efforts to outwear them.

Overcoats that are built just like the big fel-

lows', and suits both Norfolk and novelty styles that will please you and your pocketbook.

21/2 TO 10 YEARS..... \$3.45

\$5 SCHOOL OVERCOATS, 7 TO 16 \$2.95

than cost of tailoring and materials alone; sizes 15, 16, and 17

\$5.00 KNICKERBOCKER AND \$2.98

\$3.00 NOVELTY OVERCOATS;

\$6.00 NOVELTY OVERCOATS;

\$7.00 SCHOOL OVERCOATS; 7

TO 16 YEARS.....

BOYS' \$3.00 DOUBLE-BREAST-

years only

\$3.50 KNICKERBOCKER AND

BOYS' NEW \$2.00 WASH SUITS ROC

Every suit new, fresh and snappy; made up from galateas, chambrays, English reps and

Boys' Wear at Little Prices.

Your Favorite Waist Is Here in Tomorrow's Sale of Spring

More Trude & Co.'s Shirts on sale tomorrow. Can you

imagine anything more striking in the way of a shirt bar-

gain than this? Don't hesitate to step up in line tomorrow

and buy several. They are all good; look well and wear well.

The patterns are strikingly new and nobby; made from per-

cales and madras; convenient coat styles; attached cuffs;

\$4.98 Waists at \$1.89. and Messaline Waists; long or short sleeves; kimono ef-

\$5.98 Waists at \$2.89.

This lot includes a most gorgeous lot of new model Waists, made up from black lace over white net, silver gray over white or black, airy chiffons and taffeta silks, etc.; new trimmings and fancy embroidery effects.

New \$10.00 White Voile

lace and all-over embroidery. Mann & Lovejoy made these dresses to sell for \$10.00. We give you the oppor-

Silk and Chiffon Waists and Blouses.

CHARMING NEW SPRING STYLES CONTRIBUTED BY J. MAYER & CO. OF BALTIMORE.

A very pretty assortment of the latest style Net, Silk

Dresses, \$5.00. Elegantly made, and trimmed with fine insertion of

Blankets, 70c Values,

borders; the Tomorrow at

Covers, 29c Very Pretty Fancy Ecru Tinted Table Covers and Sofa Cushion Slips; made up from desirable linens.

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Scaris and Shams, 121/2C. White Applique Bureau Scarfs and Shams. Worth 20c. At 121/2c.

-Third Floor.

Bureau

The New \$2.00 "Scratch" Felt Hat,



The Popular Thing for Young Men. Gray is the prevailing style, also browns. Other \$2 to \$2.50, at the one price of \$1.35.

YOU CAN'T RESIST THESE SHOE BARGAINS.

Men's W. L. Douglas Shoes, \$3 and \$3.50 Values,

get the pick, so

be here when

the doors open.

Early choosers

Women's \$3 & \$3.50 Black Buckskin Shoes,

\$1.95 Here's an exduction on quality Footwear. and \$3.50 metal calf, patcalf, vici kid; turned and welted soles; all sizes, \$1.95. sell for

Boys' \$2.00 Shoes,

sizes 1 to 51/2

and 10 to 131/2.

Sale price, \$1.49.

\$2.00 Shoes, Boys' box calf, gun metal calf, cher styles;

Misses'

stylish boot; sizes 111/2 to 2. Sale price, \$1.49.

Grocery Prices Cut Still Deeper

Hams, small, lean, sugar Bacon, boneless, strips, 3 to 4 lbs......15c Flour, Pillsbury's Best, 1/8 String Beans, large 15c cans6½c Whyandott Washing Pow-

der, 10c can......31/2c Preserves, H. A. Johnson, Pumpkins, Van Camp, large Prunes, large fruit, 3 lbs...32c 10c glass51/2c Corn, Maine style..........71/20 M. & J. Coffee, 1-lb. tin...32c Tomatoes, large can.....10c Pepper, ¼-lb. pkg.......5½c Cocoa, Rockwood, 1 lb. tin 29c Catsup, Atlas brand, 10c

A Most Convenient Thing--- An Account at

Peas, imported, 20c tins...12c Lard, 5-lb. pail, guaranteed

Baking Powder, Rumford, 1-lb. tin25e Karo Syrup, red and white, tin, 2½ lbs.....11c Apples, large can.....8c Herring in tomato sauce ... 9c Sardines in oil......31/20 Molasses, old-fashion New Orleans, per can......13c

Here's a Silk Hose Snap for Men

Tomorrow we offer Men's 50c High-grade, Pure Thread Seamless Silk Hose; cotton heels and toes, in shades of lavender, new gray, tan and black; 50c quality; per pair,



New Linen Torchon Laces, yd., 5c.

Wide and narrow widths; insertions to match; also All-cotton Laces, wide and narrow widths, insertions to match. 10c value. Tomorrow at 5c yd.

27-INCH SWISS EMBROIDERY FLOUNCINGS, ALL THE NEWEST SPRING DESIGNS, 59c VALUE, YARD..

10c CAMBRIC EMBROIDERY EDGES, YARD, 5c.

All the newest 1912 designs and patterns to se-

Men's \$1.50 49c Kid Gloves . 49c

very choice glove lots; despite the fast run we have had on these Gloves, there is still a wide selection: on sale tomorrow at less than half price, in kid, mocha and suede; some few silk lined; \$1.50 values, 49c. Men's 17c Seamless

Trude & Co.'s surplus stocks, some

Black Gauze Lisle Hose, Double Tops, 11c.

Men's \$2 Sample 700 Pajamas

Flannelette and madras, neat pink and blue stripes; made full size, with frog-stitched buttonholes; \$2.00 val-

\$1.50 Undermuslins, 69c

Gowns made of fine quality cambric and muslin; high, low and "V" necks; hemstitched tucks, with two rows of insertion; SHORT AND LONG SLEEVES; some trimmed with fine embroidery and ribbon beading; no two alike.

\$2.00 Corsets, 98c

W. B. Nuform, American Lady, Thompson's Glove-fitting Corsets-all up-to-date models; all styles, but not all sizes.

Women's Hosiery and Underwear. Women's 35c Full-fashioned Lisle Hose.. 17c

WOMEN'S 15c MERcerized Lisle Hose; black; subject to factory imperfections..... WOMEN'S 25c MER-cerized Lisle Hose, in black..... WOMEN'S 50c BLACK 29c Regular Made Lisle Hose.... WOMEN'S \$1.00 SILK Hose, black and colors; some 39C slightly imperfect..... WOMEN'S 75c HEAVY Bleached Union Suits; soft 39c

and fleecy.....

WOMEN'S 50c MERCER-

ized Lisle Vests; sleeveless; 19c

Toilets at Great Savings.

15c 20-Mule Team Borax, per 1b. 7c

10c Peroxide of Hydrogen.. 6c 25c Listerine.....14c 25c Blue Lily Toilet 15c Zozodont Talcum Pow-sheets) 5c Colgate's Ribbon Dental Cream10c

Curtain Swisses, 478c yd.

Swisses, in a variety of patterns: also Silkolines and Cretonnes in a very pretty as-

of styles Women's 50c Union Suits..

The new Fichu Col-

lar, made of net with

lace edge and inser-

tions; variety 25c

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made of fine lawn and net trimmed with val fects; some slightand Venise laces; 50c the 1912 styles.

Jabots and Side Frills,

ly imperfect; 75c to \$1.00 values.

Madras and per-

cale; pretty ef-

Boys' \$1.00

Blouse Waists.

New assortment, fresh, pretty de-

made and form-fitting; soft and nonirritating. Worth 50c. Trade Sale price, 29c a garment. -First Floor.

Small lot only Women's Good Quality Bleached Union Suits, well 39c Corset Cover 22c Embroidery, yd. 40C

signs. Never sold for less than 39c. Tomorrow at the Neckwear Department, yard, 23c. -First Floor.